

ARTICLES,

To be Enquired of

IN THE

DIOCESE

OF

CARLISLE,

AT THE

GENERAL CHAPTER

OF

VISITATION,

Anno Dom. 17

*K. Carlisle
Diocese of*

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CHANCELLOR of the Diocese of CARLISLE.

ARTICLES
THE

Tenor of the OATH,

To be administered to The

CHURCH-WARDENS.

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**Y**OU shall swear, that you will well  
and truly execute the Office of  
*Church-Wardens* for the ensuing Year;  
and that you will diligently Enquire,  
and true Presentment make of all such  
Defaults and Offences as you know to  
be against any of the ECCLESIASTI-  
CAL LAWS of this Realm.

*So Help you GOD.*





# ARTICLES

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In the DIOCESE of CARLISLE, &c.



## TIT. I. CONCERNING THE CLERGY.

1. **D**OTH your Minister reside upon his Benefice?
2. Doth he dwell in his Parsonage or Vicarage House?
3. Doth he keep the said House and Out-houses in good and sufficient Repair?
4. Doth he Distinctly, Decently and Devoutly read the Morning and Evening

ning Service, as it is appointed by the Book of Common Prayer, every Sunday and other Time that the People are assembled for that Purpose, without omitting or altering any Thing?

5. Doth he preach a Sermon, or procure one to be preached every Sunday?
6. Doth he before his Sermon pray according to the Form prescribed in the 55th Canon?
7. Doth he on Sundays or other Holy-days, after the second Lesson at Evening Prayer, duly instruct the Youth of his Parish in the Church-Catechism?
8. Doth he refuse or delay to Christen any Child of his Parish that is brought to his Church on Sundays or Holy-days?
9. Doth he upon due Notice that any Child is sick and in Danger of Death, refuse or delay to come and baptize the same, according to the Form prescribed in that Case, in the Office of private Baptism?
10. Doth he refuse or delay to bury any Corps that is brought to his Church or Church-yard, convenient Warning being given him thereof before?
11. Doth he use the Office of Burial to any that die unbaptized or excommunicate, or that have laid violent Hands upon themselves?
12. Doth he every six Months publicly denounce all such as continue under Sentence of Excommunication?
13. Doth he give the Holy Communion so often that every Parishioner may Communicate at least three times in the

the Year, whereof Easter to be one  
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Morning Prayer the Sunday before  
every Time of Administering the  
Eucharist

Doth he every Sunday instruct the  
Youth of his Parish in the Church-Catechism  
after Morning or Evening Prayer in  
the Presence of the Curate or Minister

Record in the Book provided for that  
Purpose, the Names of all Persons  
Christened, Married, and Buried in  
your Parish the Week before

forasmuch as the Duties of a Minister  
the said Canon  
Doth he after having Knowledge  
thereof, visit the Sick according to  
the Order prescribed, and prepare  
them when desired for the Holy  
Communion, before their Departure  
out of this Life

Have he married any Persons without  
having published the Banns of Marriage  
in your Church, on three Sun-  
days or Holydays in Times of De-  
votion Service, unless he had a Law-  
ful Licence to do so

Have he married any Persons without  
Banns published, licensed, or not, at  
any private House, or in any other  
Time of the Day than between the  
Hours of Eight and Twelve in the  
Forenoon

Have he, where only one of the Par-  
ties to be married is a Stranger, re-  
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the Year, whereof Easter to be one; and doth he give publick Notice at Morning Prayer the Sunday before every Time of Administring the same?

14. Doth he every Sunday, immediately after Morning or Evening Service, in the Presence of the Church-Wardens, Record in the Book provided for that Purpose, the Names of all Persons Christned, Married, and Buried in your Parish, the Week before, conformable to the Directions given in the 70th Canon?
15. Doth he, after having Knowledge thereof, visit the Sick according to the Order prescribed, and prepare them, when desired, for the Holy Communion, before their Departure out of this Life?
16. Hath he Married any Persons without having published the Banns of Matrimony in your Church, on three Sundays or Holydays, in Time of Divine Service, unless he had a Lawful Licence so to do?
17. Hath he married any Persons (whether Banns published, licensed, or not) in any private House, or at any other Time of the Day than betwixt the Hours of Eight and Twelve in the Forenoon?
18. Hath he, where only one of the Parties to be married dwells in your Parish, solemnized Matrimony betwixt them without a Certificate of the Banns being thrice asked, from the Minister of the Parish where the other Party dwells?

19. Hath

any service, as it is appointed by the Book of Common Prayer, every Sunday and other Festivals, before the people are assembled for that purpose, without singing or saying any thing? Doth he preach a sermon, or discourse, one to be preached every Sunday? Doth he before his sermon pray according to the Form prescribed in the 1st Canon? Doth he on Sundays or other Holydays, after the second Lesson, say the Morning Prayer, duly minister the Communion of his Parish in the Church, or elsewhere? Doth he refuse or delay to Christen any Child of his Parish that is brought to his Church on Sundays or Holydays? Doth he upon due Notice that any Child is sick and in danger of Death, refuse or delay to come and prepare the same, according to the Form prescribed in that Case in the Office of private Baptism? Doth he refuse or delay to bury any Corps that is brought to his Church, or Church-yard, convenient for burial, being given him therefor notice? Doth he use the Office of Buriall to any that are unbaptized or infirm, or that have lived in notorious and scandalous lives? Doth he every six Months publicly denounce all such as continue under Sentence of Excommunication? Doth he give the Holy Communion to others that every Sabbath receive the Communion at least three times in the

19. Hath he pulled down or demolished any Part of the House or Out-houses belonging to his Benefice, without Licence?
20. Doth he preserve the Gardens, Orchards and Glebe belonging to his Benefice, without Selling, Exchanging, Committing Waste, or any way damnifying them, or any Part of them?
21. Hath he a Curate?
22. Hath such Curate an Admission from the Bishop under his Hand and Seal, and is his Allowance approved by him?
23. Are your Parson, or Vicar, and Curate of sober Life and Conversation, Decent and Canonical in Apparel and Behaviour, not frequenting Taverns or Ale-houses, or boarding or lodging in any such Places?



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## TIT. II.

## CONCERNING THE

## PARISHIONERS.

1. **A**RE there any in your Parish, who commonly absent themselves from Morning and Evening Prayer on the Lord's Day, who resort not to some other Assembly of Religious Worship allowed by the Laws of the Land?
2. Are there any who follow their Callings, or other worldly Employments on the Lord's Day, or that require their Children or Servants so to do?
3. Are there any above the Age of sixteen Years, who do not at Easter and other proper Times receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
4. Are there any who refuse to send their Children or Servants to be instructed in the Principles of the Christian Religion on the Lord's Day at Evening Prayer?
5. Are there any in your Parish whom you know to be Common Swearers, Drunkards, or Blasphemers of God's Holy Name and Word?

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6. Are there any guilty of Fornication, Adultery, or Incest, or that lie under common Fame of such horrid Crimes?
7. Have any Women born any Bastard-Children; or are there any that have had Children born soon after their Marriage, and before the Time that Children, in lawful Wedlock are ordinarily born and brought forth?
8. Are there any Men and Women within your Parish that are unmarried, and live scandalously and suspiciously together; or that live together as Man and Wife, and it is not certainly known whether they be lawfully married together, or no?
9. Have any been married without Banns thrice published, or lawful Licence obtained, or in private Houses, or not between the Hours of Eight and Twelve in the Forenoon?
10. Hath any Legacy, bequeathed to Pious and Charitable Uses, or any Part of your Church-Stock, or other Publick Money been imbezeled or misapplied?
11. Are there any Wills of Persons deceased concealed or unproved?
12. Are there any Goods of Persons who died intestate, not administred, or administred without due Grant from the Ordinary?
13. Are there any who refuse to pay their Rates to the Repair of the Church, and providing Books and other Necessaries for the Service of Almighty God?

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## TIT. III.

## CONCERNING

*Schoolmasters, Church-Wardens, and  
Parish-Clerks, Physicians, Chirur-  
geons and Midwives.*

1. **H**AVE you a School in your Parish, and is the Master licensed by the Bishop?
2. Is he of sober Life and Conversation?
3. Doth he teach his Scholars the Church-Catechism, and constantly bring them to Church?
4. Are your Church-Wardens chosen every Year, according to the Law and Custom of your Parish?
5. Have the former Church-Wardens given up the Money, and what else they had belonging to the Church, to the present Church-Wardens?
6. Did they make up their Accounts before the Minister and Parishioners, within one Month at the most after they were out of their Office?

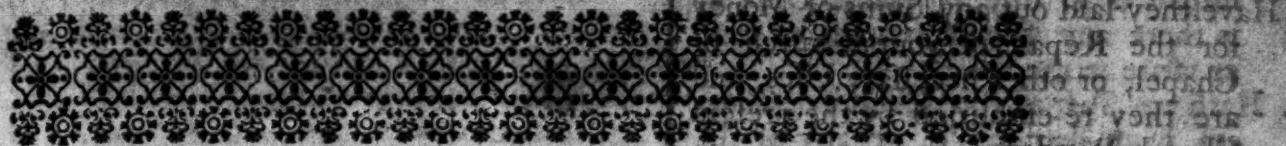
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7. Have

7. Have they laid out any Sums of Money for the Repair of your Church or Chapel, or other necessary Uses, and are they re-embursed by the present Church-Wardens?
8. Is a sufficient Quantity of fine White Bread and Wholesome Wine provided against every Communion, at the Charge of the Parish?
9. Have the Church-Wardens done their Duty in hindring Excommunicate Persons from being present at Divine Service, to the just Scandal and Offence of the rest of the Parishioners?
10. Is your Parish-Clerk of sober Life and Conversation, and qualified for his Office?
11. Are his Salary and Perquisites duly paid him?
12. Doth he keep the Church clean, carefully look to the Books and other Things committed to his Charge, and diligently attend upon the Minister in the Performance of all Divine Offices?
13. Doth any Man in your Parish practice Physick or Chirurgery, or any Woman take upon her the Office of a Midwife without Licence from the Ordinary?
14. Have the Church-Wardens presented every Thing that they know to be contrary to the Ecclesiastical Laws of this Realm?

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# TIT. IV.

## CONCERNING

### *Churches, Chapels, Church-yards, and their Repairs, Furniture, and o- ther Possessions of the Church.*

1. **I**S your Church or Chapel, and your Chancel also kept in good and decent Repair within and without?
2. Are the Windows well glazed, the Floor well paved, plain and even, the Walls plaistered, the Seats fast and conveniently placed; are the same kept without Dust or any Thing noisome and unseemly; and are the Bells, Frames and Ropes in good Condition, and fit for Use?
3. Are the Ten Commandments set upon the East End, and have you a Table of the Degrees within which Marriages are prohibited as Incestuous, publickly set up in the same?

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4. Hath your Church or Chapel been imploy'd to any prophane Use; or is there any School, taught to read or write in the same?
5. Hath any Part of your Church or Chancel been demolish'd, or any of the Materials or Furniture imbezeled?
6. Have you a decent Font of Stone, with a Cover?
7. Have you a decent Table, commodiously placed for the Celebration of the Holy Communion?
8. Is it covered with a Carpet of Silk, or other decent Stuff, in Time of Divine Service, and with a fair linen Cloth, at the Time of Administration?
9. Have you a Flaggon of Pewter, or purer Metal, and Silver Callice for the Wine, Patten for the Bread, and Basen for the Offertory?
10. Have you a convenient Reading Desk and Pulpit, with a decent Pulpit-Cushion, as usual?
11. Have you a Large Bible of the Last Translation, with two Common Prayer Books of the Largest Volume, and a Book of Homilies, well bound, and perfect?
12. Have you a decent and comely Surplice provided, and duly washed, at the Charge of the Parish?
13. Have you a Book of Parchment, wherein the Day of every Christning, Wedding and Burial in your Parish is Registered weekly, according to the Order prescribed in the 70th Canon?
14. Have you a Chest with three Locks, where the same is always safely kept, as the said Canon directs?

## 15. Have

1. Is any Thing irregularly done, so as to  
 detract your Church and Chancel?  
 2. Have any Pew been erected, or any Loft  
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 Chancel, or any Alteration made with-  
 out Licence from the Ordinary?  
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 4. Is there any Inconvenience made upon  
 our Swine and other domestic Animals  
 kept and lawfully taken to keep  
 Is your Church or Chancel-yard decently  
 kept and sufficiently fenced to keep  
 Is one Copy of the said Tenor kept  
 by the Minister of your Parish, and ano-  
 ther deposited in the Bishop's Registry?  
 Have you a perfect Tenor, specify-  
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15. Have you a Bier with a Herse Cloth, for the decent Burial of the Dead?
16. Have you a perfect Terrier, specifying all the Glebe Lands, Gardens, Orchards and Tenements, and shewing, what Tyths, Augmentations and yearly Profits belong to your Parsonage or Vicarage?
17. Is one Copy of the said Terrier kept by the Minister of your Parish, and another deposited in the Bishop's Registry?
18. Is your Church or Chapel-yard decently kept, and sufficiently fenced to keep out Swine and other noisome Cattle?
19. Is there any Incroachment made upon it by building or making any Door into it?
20. Hath any Pew been erected, or any Loft or Gallery built in your Church or Chapel, or any Alteration made without Licence from the Ordinary?
21. Is any Thing irregularly done, so as to deface your Church and Chancel?

### ADVERTISEMENT.

**T**HE Church-Wardens are requir'd to return this Book at the next Visitation, with their Answers to every Article writ down, on the blank Column left for that Purpose; and they are to consult with their Minister, and frame their Presentments at Home advisedly and truly, to the Discharge of their own Consciences, as becometh honest and godly Men. And the Minister of every Parish may join in Presentment with the Church-Wardens and Side-Men; and if they fail to present the Ministers themselves (being the chief Persons who ought to have the chief Care for suppressing Sin and Disorder) may and ought to present as well the Offences committed, as the Offence of the Church-Wardens, in not presenting the same.

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# ORDER and DIRECTION

SET DOWN BY

Dr. KING, Dr. LEWEN, Dr. LYNSEY, Dr. HOANE, Dr. SWEITE, Dr. STEWARD, and others, Doctors of the Civil Law to the Number of Thirteen in all, assembled together in the Common Dining-Hall of Doctors Commons in London, touching a Course to be observed by the Assessors in their Taxations of the Church, and Walls of the Church-Yard of Wrotham in Kent; and to be applied generally, upon Occasion of like Reparations, to all Places in England whatsoever.

**E**VERY Inhabitant dwelling within the Parish, is to be charged according to his Ability, whether in Land or Living within the same Parish, or for his Goods there; that is to say, for the best of them, but not for both.

II. Every Farmer dwelling out of the Parish, and having Lands and Living within the said Parish in his own Occupation, is to be charged to the Value of the said Lands or Living; or else to the Value of the Stock thereupon, even for the best, but not for both.

III. Every Farmer dwelling out of the Parish, and having Lands and Living within the Parish, in the Occupation of any Farmer or Farmers, is not to be charged;

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but the Farmer or Farmers thereof, are to be charged in Particularity; every one according to the Value of the Land which he occupieth, or according to the Stock thereupon, even for the best, but not for both.

IV. Every Inhabitant or Farmer occupying arable Land within the Parish, and feeding his Cattle out of the Parish, is to be charged with arable Lands within the Parish, although his Cattle be fed out of the Parish.

V. Every Farmer of any Mill within the Parish, is to be charged for that Mill; and the Owner thereof (if he be an Inhabitant) is to be charged for his Hability in the same Parish, besides the Mill.

VI. Every Owner of Lands, Tenements, Copyholds, and other Hereditaments, inhabiting within the Parish, is to be taxed according to his Wealth, in Regard of a Parishioner, ~~also~~ he occupy none of them himself; and his Farmer or Farmers also are to be taxed for occupying only.

*Memorandum*, That the Assessors are not to tax themselves, but to leave the Taxation of them to the Residue of the Parish.

*The Reparations of these Parcels ensuing, with their Appurtenances, are to be accounted Church-Reparations, and are to be born, not only by the Parishioners, but also by all that occupy any Lands, Tenements or Possessions, within the Parish where the Church is to be repaired.*

**I.** THE Walls of the Church, Steeple and Church-Yard, of Free-Stone or Brick.

II. The

- II. The Roof of Timber, with Latches, Pegs, Nails, Dogs and Bolts of Iron.
- III. The Windows of Stone or Brick.
- IV. The Covering with Lead, Latches, Tyles or Shingles.
- V. The Floor of Stone or Paving-Tyle.
- VI. The Doors of Timber, with Locks, Keys, Riders, Hooks, Nails.
- VII. The Furniture of the Steeple, Stairs, Floors, Bells, Wheels, Ropes.
- VIII. The Pulpit, &c.
- IX. The Pews or Seats not made by any private Person.

*These following are not properly Church Reparations, but they are the Duties belonging to the Church, to be performed rateable by any Inhabitant of the Parish.*

- I. The Communion-Table, with the Covering thereof.
- II. The Communion-Cup.
- III. The Bread and Wine for the Communicants.
- IV. The Books.
- V. The Surplices.
- VI. The washing of the Communion-Cloths.
- VII. The Candles.
- VIII. The Clerk's and Sexton's Wages.
- IX. The Expences and Fees of the Church-Wardens and Sidemen at the Visitation.

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